

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cash dispenser with a number of banknote cassettes (20) for the reception of banknotes to be dispensed, wherein the banknote cassettes (20) are oriented vertically and are arranged in a horizontal row behind one another, with withdrawal and separating devices (26) associated with the banknote cassettes (20), with a stacking device (30) for forming a bundle of withdrawn banknotes, with an individual sheet transport device (28) for transporting individual banknotes from the withdrawal and separating device (26) to the stacking device (30), with a wad transport device (34) for the transport of a banknote wad from the stacking device (30) to a dispensing slot (16) of the cash dispenser, and with a return cassette (36) with a reject compartment (38) for the reception of withdrawn banknotes not suitable for dispensing, wherein the individual sheet transport device (28) is selectably linkable with an input opening (40) of the return cassette (36) or with the stacking device (30), characterized in that the return cassette (36) has at least one wad receiving compartment (52, 54) separate from the reject compartment (38) for the reception of a banknote wad which has been taken back from the dispensing slot (16), that the wad transport device (34) is switchable in regard to its transport direction, and that the wad transport device (34) by way of a switchable branch is selectably linkable with an input opening of the wad receiving compartment (52, 54).

2. A cash dispenser according to claim 1, further characterized in that the wad transport device (34) is formed as a belt transport with two belt stretches (60, 62) each of which is guided over drive and support rolls and which include endless belts (64, 70, 78; 84, 92, 98) for engagement with the opposite flat slides of a banknote wad, wherein one of the belt stretches (60, 62) at a branching location is divided into a dispensing sided portion and a stacking sided portion (98; 92, 84), in that the branching location by way of a branch transport device (98, 130) is connected with the input opening of the wad receiving compartment (52, 54), and in that in the region of the branching location the endless belts (98, 70) have at least one belt stretch (62, 60) which is at least somewhat elastic and is

thereby deflectable so that the dispensing sided portion of the unbroken belt stretch (62) is optionally linkable with the branch transport device (98, 130) or with the stacker sided portion of the unbroken belt stretch (62).

3. A cash dispenser, according to claim 2, further characterized in that the branch transport device (98, 130) is likewise formed as a belt transport.

4. A cash dispenser, according to claim 2 or 3, further characterized in that the deflection of the involved endless belt (98; 70) is accomplished by means of a movable supporting roll (104; 106).

5. A cash dispenser, according to claim 4, further characterized in that the supporting roll (104; 106) is supported on an arm of a pivotal lever (108; 116) supported for movement about a spatially fixed axis (110; 118), another arm of which lever is guided on a cam path (114) of a switching cam (124).

6. A cash dispenser, according to claim 5, further characterized in that the sections of the endless belts (98; 70) of the two belt stretches (60; 62) which cooperate with one another in the region of the branching location are deflectable and that the movable support rolls (104; 106) are movable in common by the same switching cam (124).

7. A cash dispenser, according to one of claims 1 to 6, further characterized that by means of a flap (58) the banknote wads are guided into the wad receiving compartment (54).

8. A cash dispenser, according to one of the claims 1 to 7, further characterized in that the wad receiving compartment (52, 54) is achieved by way of vertical installation of the return cassette (36) above the reject compartment (38) intended for the reception of individual banknotes.